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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S STATEMENT OF JANUARY 30, 1976

(SALT TWO-890)

THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON
AT THE SALT TWO MEETING OF JANUARY 30, 1976.

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON

JANUARY 30, 1976

MR. MINISTER:

I

TODAY I DESIRE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU AND MAKE CERTAIN PROPOSALS
RELATED TO THE DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW, IN PARTICULAR, THE UNDER-
STANDING ACHIEVED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFINITION OF A HEAVY
ICBM. I ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS THE RELATED MATTER OF A LIMITATION
ON THE DESTRUCTIVE POTENTIAL OF HEAVY ICBMS.

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THE SIDES HAVE AGREED THAT THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF LAUNCHERS FOR MODERN HEAVY ICBMS. IN ORDER FOR THIS LIMITATION TO HAVE MEANING, IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A CLEAR DEFINITION OF A HEAVY ICBM. TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW ON THIS SUBJECT, THE US DELEGATION PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING NEW LANGUAGE FOR THE DEFINITION OF A HEAVY ICBM AS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 7, ARTICLE II, OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT:

"A HEAVY ICBM IS ANY ICBM WHICH HAS EITHER A LAUNCHING WEIGHT GREATER THAN THE HEAVIEST LAUNCHING WEIGHT OR THROW-WEIGHT GREATER THAN THE HEAVIEST THROW-WEIGHT OF ANY NON-HEAVY ICBM DEPLOYED BY EITHER PARTY ON THE DATE OF SIGNATURE OF THIS AGREEMENT."

WE WILL WANT FURTHER TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE MEANING OF SOME OF THE TERMS USED IN THIS FORMULATION.

THIS PROVISION WHICH I HAVE DISCUSSED REFLECTS THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SIDES THAT THE DESTRUCTIVE POTENTIAL OF NON-HEAVY ICBMS SHOULD BE LIMITED. IT LOGICALLY FOLLOWS FROM THIS THAT THERE SHOULD ALSO BE LIMITATIONS ON THE DESTRUCTIVE POTENTIAL OF HEAVY ICBMS. TO THIS END THE US PROPOSED PARAGRAPH 7, ARTICLE IV, OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT. IN ORDER TO HAVE THIS PROPOSAL CONFORM TO THE PROPOSAL I HAVE TABLED TODAY FOR PARAGRAPH 7, ARTICLE II, I NOW OFFER THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR PARAGRAPH 7, ARTICLE IV, OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT:

"THE PARTIES UNDERTAKE NOT TO DEVELOP, TEST, OR DEPLOY AN ICBM WHICH HAS EITHER A LAUNCHING WEIGHT GREATER THAN THE HEAVIEST LAUNCHING WEIGHT OR A THROW-WEIGHT GREATER THAN THE HEAVIEST THROW-WEIGHT OF ANY ICBM DEPLOYED BY EITHER PARTY ON THE DATE OF SIGNATURE OF THIS AGREEMENT."

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MR. MINISTER, I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING WHAT YOU MAY HAVE TO SAY WITH RESPECT TO WORKING OUT A PROVISION TO IMPLEMENT THE DIS-

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CUSSIONS AT MOSCOW CONCERNING LIMITATIONS ON INCREASES IN THE DIMENSIONS OF ICBM SILO LAUNCHERS.

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